

Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board

Notice of Request for Qualifications from Design Professionals to Design the Minnesota Tribute to Military Families

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB) is seeking teams of individuals (landscape architects, architects, artists, and those skilled in developing an interpretive program) to design the new Minnesota Tribute to Military Families on the State Capitol Mall. Veterans and family members are encouraged to participate. At least one team member must be a Minnesota licensed design professional.

The focus of the work will be to create an overall design of a commemorative promenade from John Ireland Boulevard to Cedar Street. The scope may include benches (with artwork or other form of inscriptions), plaques or “storyboards,” and other related “functional street furniture,” as well as landscape enhancements to be installed along the east-west walk crossing the Mall at its southern end, just north of the Veterans Services building, slated to become a “commemorative promenade.”

All costs, including prizes, design fees, site work, construction and a maintenance reserve, equal to 20% of the construction, will be in the range of \$1,000,000. Construction is anticipated in late 2011 or early 2012, dependant on private fundraising efforts.

Interested teams must submit:

- A letter of interest,
- Identification and background of all team members, as well as an explanation of how the team will work together and who will be the lead,
- A description of relevant qualifications and experience,
- A collection of no more than ten photographic images on a CD-RW (sized minimum 4”x5”, resolution 300dpi, in .jpg format) representing past work (specifically outdoor elements in a cold climate), and
- A list of three professional references.

Once all responses to the RFQ have been reviewed, the CAAPB, client group, and others including design professionals and representatives from various disciplines will select three to six teams who will be sent the full design framework and invited to develop a design concept. The jury will select a first, second and third place from among these competing designs, with cash awards and, for the winner, a contract once funding has been secured.

All responses must be received by 12:00 Noon (CDT) on Friday, August 27, 2010.

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